



TAXICAB / AIRPORT LIMOUSINE DRIVER'S PERMIT APPLICATION / RENEWAL

General Information

Driver's permits are valid for a period of three (3) years with proof of a valid medical certificate.

Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and currently hold a valid Missouri chauffeur's license.

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to speak and understand the English language and to read and recognize street signage.

Applicants are required to submit a current Medical Certificate with the Springfield Police Department. Failure to submit a current medical certificate to the SPD may result in rejection of the application and/or revocation of the Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit.

Applicants are required to submit a current Drug and Alcohol Screening Certificate to the Springfield Police Department. The certificate must showing the applicant has been tested and passed a drug and alcohol screening at least equal to the screening requirements set by the United States Department of Transportation for motor carrier drivers. Failure to submit a current drug and alcohol screening certificate may result in rejection of the application and/or revocation of the Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check.

Applicants are required to pass a written examination demonstrating the applicant's knowledge of the City of Springfield, Missouri Ordinances pertaining to the operation of taxicabs and airport limousines, knowledge of the city, and knowledge of local traffic regulations.

Permits will not be issued to any person who has been convicted of a violation of the criminal laws of any state or the United States defined as a felony and who have served any part of such sentence within the past five (5) years.

Information obtained during the application process which indicates intended omission or falsification by the applicant will be cause for denial of the Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit.

Call 864-1771 or email spdtaxi@springfieldmo.gov if you have any questions relating to the application process.

PROCEDURES

Application / Renewal for Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit: Complete and Sign as indicated.

MSHP, Request for Criminal Record Check: Complete and Sign as indicated.

Written Exam:

A written exam will be conducted on all applicants as required by Springfield City Code. The exam will test the applicant's knowledge of Springfield City Code relating to Chapter 118 Vehicles for Hire, knowledge of the city, and knowledge of local traffic regulations. The test is composed of 30 multiple choice and true/false questions. Applicants must correctly answer 18 or more questions to receive a passing score. Should an applicant fail to pass the exam they can retake the exam after two (2) working days, but no more than twice in any 14-day period.

Medical Examination:

Medical examinations must be completed by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Missouri and shall verify the applicant is free of defective vision, or has corrected vision to at least 20-20 in both eyes, the applicant is free of defective hearing, epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, and any other infirmity, physical or mental, which would render the applicant unfit for safe operation of a public vehicle. Have the physician performing the examination complete the Medical Examination portion the application/renewal form.

Drug and Alcohol Screening:

No more than Five (5) calendar days prior to date of application (the date you pay the application fee to the City of Springfield License Division) you must complete a DOT compliant drug and alcohol screening. Select a DOT qualified drug and alcohol screening clinic and request a DOT Drug and Alcohol Screening. Have the clinic performing the screening complete the Drug and Alcohol Screening portion of this application.

Licensing Fees:

An application fee of \$17.00 must be paid by cash, check or credit card to the City of Springfield License Division located in the Busch Municipal Building, First Floor, 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802.

Take the following materials with you to the Licensing Division:

- Valid Missouri Chauffeur's License
- Completed Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit Application / Renewal form, including the Medical Examination and the Drug and Alcohol portions of the application signed by the Physician and/or Clinic performing the Medical Examination and Drug and Alcohol Screening.
- Cash, Check or Credit Card for payment.

Obtain a receipt from the Licensing Division and retain for your records. Payment of the application fee does not guarantee final approval of the application.

Fingerprints:

All applicants will be fingerprinted as part of their background investigation.

Upon receipt of the License Fee the applicant will be registered with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS). Fingerprints are taken at: Southern Missouri Judicial Services, 1111 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802. A fee of \$28.30 must be paid by check or money order at time of service, no credit cards or cash accepted. Fingerprint processing takes 7 – 10 business days.

Obtain a receipt from Southern Missouri Judicial Services and retain for your records.

Background Investigation:

Criminal background investigations will be completed on all applicants by the Springfield Police Department located at 321 E. Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO 65802.

Take the following materials with you to the Police Department:

- Copy of your valid Missouri Chauffeur's License
- Completed Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit Application / Renewal form, including the Medical Examination and the Drug and Alcohol portions of the application.
- Completed Missouri State Highway Patrol Request for Criminal Records Check form
- City of Springfield License Division Receipt, verifying license fee has been paid
- Southern Missouri Judicial Services Receipt, verifying fingerprints have been taken

Background investigations take 7 – 10 business days a representative from the Springfield Police Department will call you to schedule an appointment to take the Written Exam, if required, after you application has been processed and the background investigation is completed.



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All information must be typed or printed legibly in ink. Applications improperly completed or incomplete will not be accepted. Complete all information truthfully; intended omissions or falsifications will be cause for denial/rejection of the application.

Personal Information											
Name of Applicant:				Social Security Number:			Phone Number:				
Previous Names and/or Alias:						Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced					
Current Residence Address:			City:		State:		Zip:		How long have you lived at this location? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Years Months </div>		
Date of Birth:		Sex:	Race:		Height:		Weight:		Eye Color:		
Hair Color:											
Place of Birth:				Are you citizen of the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Nationality:			
Missouri Chauffeur's License #: (Must be class A, B, C, or E)				Expiration Date:		Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes" When?					

Previous Experience as a Taxicab, Airport Limousine or Other Similarly Classified Vehicle <small>(attach a separate sheet if necessary)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A No Previous Experience	
Employer's Name:	Date Employed: Beginning Date: Ending Date:
Location: (City and State)	Reason for Leaving Employment: <input type="checkbox"/> Resigned <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated Explain:
Employer's Name:	Date Employed: Beginning Date: Ending Date:
Location: (City and State)	Reason for Leaving Employment: <input type="checkbox"/> Resigned <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated Explain:
Employer's Name:	Date Employed: Beginning Date: Ending Date:
Location: (City and State)	Reason for Leaving Employment: <input type="checkbox"/> Resigned <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated Explain:
During any previous experience as a driver was your taxicab license or permit ever revoked or suspended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes" list Date Revoked or Suspended, Employer's Name, Reason for such Revocation or Suspension and the date license or permit was reinstate.	

References <small>List three names of individuals who you have know for at least 12 months</small>		
Name:	Full Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)	Current Phone Number:
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Name:	Full Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)	Current Phone Number:

List All Residences For The Past Five Years

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Previous Residence Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
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Criminal History

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Have you ever been arrested for any felony, misdemeanor, or ordinance violation, including traffic violations?

Include all arrests even if not convicted.

☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" explain, include date of arrest, reason of arrest, location of arrest, for all arrests.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" explain, include date of conviction, charge, sentence or fine for all felony convictions.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? This will include most ordinance and traffic violations.

☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" explain, include date of conviction, charge, sentence or fine for all misdemeanor convictions.Are you currently on probation or parole? ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of probation/parole officer:

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have examined _____ the applicant of a City of Springfield Missouri Taxicab and Airport Limousine Driver's Permit and find the applicant:

Is free of defective vision or has corrected vision of at least 20-20 in both eyes.

Is free of communicable diseases.

Is free of defective hearing, epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble and other infirmity, physical or mental, which would render the applicant unfit for safe operations of a public vehicle.

The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete examination form with any attachment embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

Name and Address of Physicians Office or Medical Clinic:

Signature of Medical Examiner:

Phone Number:

Date:

Medical Examiner's Name: (Print)

Medical Examiner's License or Certificate
Number and Issuing State:

DOT National Registry Number: (If Applicable)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREENING CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that _____ the applicant of a City of Springfield Missouri Taxicab and Airport Limousine Driver's Permit has been tested and passed a drug and alcohol screening at least equal to the screening requirements set by the United States Department of Transportation for motor carrier drivers.

The information provided regarding this drug and alcohol screening is true and complete. Complete drug and alcohol screening results with any attachment embodies the findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

Name and Address of Physicians Office or Medical Clinic:

Signature of Medical Examiner:

Phone Number:

Date:

Medical Examiner's Name: (Print)

Medical Examiner's License or Certificate
Number and Issuing State:

DOT National Registry Number: (If Applicable)

Waiver and Release of Information

I understand that, in order to obtain a Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit issued by the Springfield Missouri Police Department the City of Springfield must conduct a thorough and complete background investigation.

For and in consideration of my application for the permit, I do hereby specifically authorize the City of Springfield to conduct a thorough and complete background investigation on me for the purpose of gauging my fitness as a taxicab/airport limousine driver.

I do hereby authorize full disclosure of all records concerning myself to any duly authorized officer, employee or agent of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and it's Police Department, whether said records are of public, private or confidential nature.

I understand that the City may in its sole discretion disclose to any appropriate law enforcement agencies and other governmental authorities any information received in the course of the background investigation indicative of conduct constituting any past, current or future felony, misdemeanor, or local ordinance violations committed or planned by me.

I release, discharge, covenant not to sue and indemnify and hold harmless the City of Springfield, Missouri, and all of its employees, agents, and assigns, from and against any and all claims, causes of action, losses, damages and/or liabilities of any kind or type resulting from or in connection with the performance or use of the background investigation, or from the disclosure of any information gathered in the course of the investigation to any person or entity as may be authorized by the terms of this release or at my written direction and consent.

I understand that, in the event I suffer any injury of any kind as a result of the City's conduct of this background investigation, I am herein forfeiting any and all right to bring legal action against or seek redress in the courts from the City or any of its officials or employees. Even if such injury or harm occurs as a direct result of their negligence or any other failure on their part to satisfy any duty owed me.

This Waiver and Release of All Claims is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Missouri and, if any portion hereof is held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. My spouse (if any), heirs and legal representative, and any and all successors and assigns, are bound by the terms of this Waiver and Release of All Claims. This Waiver contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and its terms are contractual and are not a mere recital.

I have carefully read the above and foregoing Waiver and Release consisting of three pages in its entirety. I know and understand the contents thereof and do, of my own free will, sign this Waiver and Release indicating my specific agreement to any and all terms.

Applicant Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

(Must Be Notarized)

STATE OF _____} COUNTY OF _____}

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary

My Commission Expires

Driver's Permit Approval

This is to certify I have examined all facts of the applicant referenced within this Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit Application / Renewal form.

☐ I find the applicant is qualified and has paid all fees required by the City of Springfield and recommend the applicant is **Approved** a City of Springfield Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit.

☐ I find the applicant does not meet all qualification required by the City of Springfield and recommend the applicant is **Denied** a City of Springfield Taxicab / Airport Limousine Driver's Permit. My findings and reasons for denial are documented in the attached IDC.

Approving Official Signature / DSN

Date



MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

SHP-158P 09/13

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S LAST NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	JR / SR
MAIDEN / ALIAS LAST NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	JR / SR
SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	RACE <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK <input type="checkbox"/> INDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN	
ADDRESS	STREET - P.O. BOX	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

TYPE OF RECORD CHECK — PROCESSING FEE — METHOD OF PAYMENT

(per Sections 43.527 and 43.530, RSMo.)

☐ **\$11.00 NAME SEARCH**

Based on NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. Response will be returned with all open records and records of conviction.

☐ **\$20.00 FINGERPRINT SEARCH**

Based on APPLICANT FINGERPRINT CARD. Response will be returned with complete records to the individual or qualifying entity.

Fee is payable either by check or money order (NO CASH) to "State of Missouri, Criminal Record System Fund."

Either the Date of Birth OR Social Security Number MUST be provided for processing.

For faster processing criminal record checks are available online at: www.machs.mo.gov

MSHP / CENTRAL REPOSITORY RESPONSE



FORWARD TO — SEND REPLY TO

Please forward the request and fee to:

Missouri State Highway Patrol
Criminal Justice Information Services Division
Post Office Box 9500
Jefferson City, MO 65102

SEND REPLY TO (Print or type your mailing label below.)

Telephone (include area code) (417) 864-1771

Springfield Police Department - Attn: Taxicab Driver's Permits

321 E. Chestnut Expressway

Springfield, MO 65802

Criminal Justice Information Services Division General Information

The Missouri Criminal Records Repository (MCRR), collects, maintains, and disseminates Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) as defined by 43.500 and 589.400 RSMo.

Criminal History Record Information is information collected by criminal justice agencies on individuals consisting of arrests, prosecution, a final disposition, correctional supervision, and release. All felony and serious misdemeanor arrests (referred to as reportable arrests) including offender registration information as defined under 589.400, RSMo, and all alcohol and drug related traffic offenses are reportable to the MCRR.

Criminal history records are designated as open or closed.

- Open records
 1. arrest record for 30 days following arrest.
 2. arrest record for which charges have been filed.
 3. court disposition of guilty.
 4. suspended imposition of sentence during probation period.
- Closed records
 1. arrest record after 30 days following arrest.
 2. nolle prossed.
 3. dismissed.
 4. found not guilty.
 5. suspended imposition of sentence after probation completed.
- Closed records are accessible to certain groups designated in section 610.120, RSMo.
 - MCRR will only release closed records to those noncriminal justice entities entitled to closed records, when the criminal record check is based on a fingerprint search which will assure the identity of the subject in question.
 - Any person can receive their own record, open and closed, by submission of fingerprints and required fee.

Any requester may receive open record information.

Closed records are accessible by the following, in accordance with 610.120 RSMo, with the submission of fingerprints and required fee.

FBI Record requests

- The FBI files are open to criminal justice agencies for the administration of criminal justice.
- The FBI has only open files in that if someone has the authority to receive the records, they receive all that is on file.
- The FBI allows access to their files to noncriminal justice agencies for certain purposes for a fee.
 - The purpose for the record check must be set forth in the federal regulations.
 - The state, from which the noncriminal justice request originates, must have a state statute specifying the entity has state authority to check the FBI files for the purpose specified.
 - Fingerprints must be submitted before the FBI will release their files to a noncriminal justice entity.
 - The result of the federal record search must terminate at a governmental agency and is not to be released to a private entity.
- All requests into the federal file from the state entities must come through and be stamped by MCRR.
- Effective 03-19-2012, Federal record checks for noncriminal justice entities are \$16.50 for licensing and employment checks and \$15.00 for volunteers to those covered care facilities.

PENALTY — A person who knowingly violates any provision of section 43.532, 43.540, 610.100, 610.105, 610.106, or 610.120 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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Sec. 118-31. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Airport limousine means a public vehicle operating with a legal agreement with a mass transit facility and using the mass transit facility as its departure or destination point, and which is not licensed by the U.S. Department of Transportation or applicable state agency if such license would exempt the vehicle from local regulation.

Airport limousine fixed route. An airport limousine shall be deemed to operate over a designated fixed route where the destination and/or commencement of each trip is from the same location.

Color scheme means the designation of the dome light color and any paint and/or lettering to be placed on the doors of the taxicab or airport limousine, and the insignia or logo of the taxicab or airport limousine company, and may consist of a description of the paint of the entire taxicab or airport limousine.

Courtesy car means any vehicle operated to or from a motel or hotel which is designed to carry patrons of the motel and hotel to or from fixed locations in the city, or any vehicle used by an establishment arranging sightseeing or other similar tours for the purpose of transporting patrons of such establishment without charge.

Cruising means the continuous or repeated operation of any taxicab along any street or alley for the purpose of obtaining or picking up passengers.

Driver means the person who is driving or who is in actual physical control of a taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine, whether as owner or agent, servant or employee of an owner.

Driver's permit means authorization by the city to a particular individual to operate taxicabs or airport limousines within the city upon meeting the criteria set forth in this article.

Immoral purpose includes any of those acts prohibited by RSMo 567.010 et seq., as amended.

Interest in taxicab or airport limousine company. A person shall be deemed to have an interest in a taxicab or airport limousine company when he is a sole proprietor, partner or limited partner of the firm or business holding a taxicab or airport limousine license under this article or which is required to obtain a license under this article; has in his control, either through direct ownership or through the ownership of a spouse or minor child, ten percent or more of the outstanding stock of such taxicab or airport limousine company; or has a security interest in over 50 percent of the tangible assets of the firm or business.

Licensee means the holder of the taxicab or airport limousine company license.

Owner and operator mean any person who derives, or has the right to derive, income directly or indirectly from the operation of one or more taxicabs, courtesy cars or airport limousines.

Rate zone means the area of the city to which a certain trip rate of an airport limousine applies.

Specialty passenger service means the use of specialty passenger vehicles for the transportation of passengers at special events or activities or for the transportation of passengers in areas established by the city manager or his designee as special activity areas.

Specialty passenger vehicles means buses, motorized trolleys or similar motor vehicles equipped to transport five or more passengers in three or more rows of seats and the design of which exhibits unique or unusual characteristics that add to the ambiance of a special event or special activity area in which specialty passenger service is being allowed.

Taxicab means all motor vehicles operated as public carriers of passengers for hire over other than fixed routes.

Taxicab company means a person who owns, controls or operates at least one taxicab which transports passengers for hire.

Taxicab owner and owner mean any person who has any interest in the title of a taxicab which is recognized under state law.

Taximeter means a mechanical instrument or device by which the charge for hire of a taxicab, at a predetermined rate, is mechanically calculated and registered, either for distance traveled or for waiting time, or both, and upon which such charge shall be indicated by means of figures which are electrically lighted each time the taximeter's flag is thrown from the non-earning to the earning position.

Transporting passengers for hire. A person transports passengers for hire if he provides transportation for passengers and derives therefrom, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit.

Vehicle permit means authorization by the city to the owner of the taxicab or airport limousine to operate a particular vehicle as a taxicab or airport limousine within the corporate limits of the city.

Waiting time means the time when a taxicab is not in motion, from the time of acceptance of a passenger to the time of discharge, but not including any time the taxicab is not in motion due to

mechanical breakdown, traffic conditions or any cause other than the request, act or fault of a passenger.

(G.O. No. 5391, § 1, 7-6-2004)

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 118-32. Penalty.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine and penalty under section 1-7 for each trip he makes while not in compliance, except that failure to have requisite permits and/or licenses shall constitute a separate violation for each day the person fails to comply with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 118-33. Injunctive relief.

In addition to the penalties set forth in this article, the city attorney is hereby authorized to file and obtain injunctions on behalf of the city against persons who are violating provisions of this article. If the city seeks injunctive relief from the circuit court for violations of this article, penalty provisions set forth in this article shall not apply to any person violating this article.

Sec. 118-34. Intent of article; findings.

The city council hereby finds and declares that it is the intent of this article to provide for a unified transportation system based upon considerations of public health, safety and welfare and a determination of public convenience and necessity. The city council further finds and declares that the operation of motor vehicles to carry passengers for hire in violation of the provisions of this article affects the public health, safety and welfare and constitutes a public nuisance because it involves the operation of a business on the streets of the city without obtaining the necessary authority or licenses.

Sec. 118-35. Applicability of article; exceptions.

- (a) This article shall apply whenever a passenger to be transported for hire is picked up within the city limits, regardless of his destination, but shall not be applicable if the passenger is picked up outside the city limits and is discharged within the city limits.
- (b) This article shall not apply to transportation provided as follows:
 - (1) By any persons operating a transportation system which is funded in whole or in part by a federal, state or local governmental agency.
 - (2) By renting a vehicle for a minimum period of two hours to not more than one person, provided that a vehicle which is so rented shall not otherwise be used as a taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine within the provisions of this article.
 - (3) If the passenger is picked up outside the city limits and is discharged within the city limits.
 - (4) By any person who possesses a permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission or state public service commission to transport passengers for hire, over which person the city has no authority.
 - (5) By any business regulated in whole by the federal or state government and to which local regulations would not apply.

Sec. 118-36. License or other authorization required for transport of passengers for hire.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry passengers for hire in a motor vehicle or operate or maintain a business which carries passengers for hire in motor vehicles within the city, unless the person is authorized to operate such a motor vehicle for hire under this Code or federal or state law.

Sec. 118-37. Proof of insurance and inspection of vehicles prerequisite to issuance of license.

The director of finance shall have the authority to issue or renew a license to operate a taxicab or airport limousine company as provided in this article, but no license shall be issued or renewed until the applicant has produced proof of insurance as required by this article and all vehicles to be operated by or on behalf of the company have been inspected and approved by the chief of police or his designee under this article, and specifically [section 118-49](#).

Sec. 118-38. License and permit requirements.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of transporting passengers for hire within the city except as follows:

- (1) Any person operating a taxicab who has obtained a driver's permit to operate a taxicab, who is operating a taxicab that has a valid vehicle permit, and either holds a taxicab company license as required by [section 118-36](#) or is employed as an agent or employee of a licensed taxicab company or is operating his vehicle under another's license as permitted by [section 118-36](#)
- (2) Any person operating an airport limousine who has obtained a permit to operate an airport limousine and who has a valid current business license as required by [section 118-36](#)
- (3) Any person operating a courtesy car whose operation is exempt from licensing as provided by [section 118-39](#)

Sec. 118-39. Exemption of courtesy cars from license requirement.

The operation of a courtesy car shall be exempt from the licensing provisions of this article when operated in accordance with the following:

- (1) The courtesy car shall be operated by a hotel or motel as an adjunct of its business.
- (2) The courtesy car shall carry no passengers other than employees of the hotel or motel operating the courtesy car, except to transport patrons of the hotel or motel to and from an airport or bus station.
- (3) The courtesy car shall serve only one hotel or motel; provided, however, that two or more hotels or motels having the same ownership may be served by the same courtesy car.
- (4) No consideration shall be paid by the passenger or charged by the operator for the services provided, except such services may be a service normally provided to patrons of a motel or hotel. No additional charge may be made for providing such service, either at the time the service is provided or on the customer's motel or hotel bill.

- (5) The vehicle shall be identified as a courtesy car with the name of each hotel or motel served by the courtesy car clearly shown on the outside of the vehicle.
- (6) The owner of the courtesy car shall comply with all laws of the state with respect to vehicle safety, vehicle inspection and method of operation.
- (7) The owner shall carry the minimum insurance requirements established under this article for taxicabs, airport limousines and courtesy cars.

Sec. 118-40. Application for license.

Application for a taxicab or airport limousine company license under this article shall be made to the director of finance. Such application shall be verified under oath and shall set forth the following:

- (1) A full identification of the applicant and all persons having an interest in the license if granted.
- (2) The residence and business address and the citizenship of all members of any firm or partnership and of all officers, directors and stockholders of any corporation applying.
- (3) Whether or not the applicant or any of the persons to be interested in the license, if granted, has been convicted of the violation of any national, state or municipal law.
- (4) Proof of financial responsibility, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Balance sheet and income statement prepared by a certified public accountant or public accountant and which contains the same information as the balance sheet and income statement required by [section 118-48\(2\)](#).
 - b. Statement of any unpaid claims or unsatisfied judgments against the applicant, other persons interested in the license, if granted, or any other person with whom the applicant has been either associated or employed, for damages resulting from the negligent operation of a vehicle.
 - c. Statement of any unpaid claims or unsatisfied judgments not covered in subsection (4)b of this section which have arisen in the past six years, and an explanation of each transaction giving rise to such unpaid claims or unsatisfied judgments.
 - d. Submission of required proof of insurance, bonds and security pursuant to sections [118-46](#) and [118-47](#).
- (5) The past experience that the applicant has had in rendering taxicab, airport limousine, courtesy car or other public passengers-for-hire service in any municipality, including but not limited to the names of supervisors, the names and addresses of taxicab companies the applicant has operated for, dates of service and municipalities.
- (6) Whether or not any permit or license issued to the applicant or other person interested in the license, if granted, has been revoked, and, if so, the circumstances of such revocation.
- (7) The number of taxicabs or airport limousines proposed to be operated.
- (8) A complete description of the vehicles to be used in the proposed operation, including but not limited to vehicle make, model, VIN and color scheme, and a complete description of the proposed operation.
- (9) The color scheme, name and characteristic insignia to be used to designate the vehicles of the applicant as approved by the director of finance.
 - a. The color scheme may not duplicate that of an already licensed taxicab or airport limousine company, including the primary color to be placed on the

doors, or be so close in design as to cause confusion among the public as to the identity of the taxicab or airport limousine company, and must be consistently used on each and every vehicle operated under the taxicab or airport limousine company license.

- b. Any taxicab vehicle in service on January 31, 1996, shall not be required to be changed to conform to the color scheme of the taxicab company, with the exception of the dome light, to comply with this section. Any taxicab vehicle placed in service after January 31, 1996, shall comply with this section. If, at the time of the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived, two taxicab companies are using the same or similar color schemes, the taxicab company which first used the color scheme may continue using the color scheme. All other taxicab companies shall designate a different color scheme for future use; provided, however, no two taxicab companies may designate a color that is a different shade of a color designated by another company as its primary or main color. By way of example, but not limitation, should one company designate yellow as its primary, main or distinctive color, no other shade of yellow may be permitted.

- (10) Such further information as the chief of police or director of finance may require.

Sec. 118-41. Granting or denial of license.

Whenever any applicant for a taxicab or airport limousine company license shall have complied with all the conditions and regulations pertaining to the filing of his application, the director of finance shall issue the license unless the information contained in the application demonstrates that it is not in the best interests of the public health and safety of the residents of the city that a license should be issued. If an application for a license is denied, the applicant shall have the right to a hearing before a hearing officer designated by the city manager, in accordance with the procedures set forth in [section 118-43](#) for revocation of a license.

Sec. 118-42. Transfer of license.

No taxicab or airport limousine company license issued under this article or any interest in such license shall be transferred from one person to another. However, nothing in this section shall prevent the cancellation, release or other termination of a security interest in the tangible or intangible assets of the business entity holding the taxicab or airport limousine company license if such cancellation, release or other termination of the security interest is executed by and between the holder of the taxicab or airport limousine company license and the holder of the security interest or approved assignee thereof.

Sec. 118-43. Revocation of license.

- (a) The director of finance shall notify the licensee, and any person holding a financial interest in the taxicab or airport limousine company as shown on the records of the director of finance or the application for a license, of any violation of this article which he has reason to believe exists, by certified mail, to the address listed by the taxicab or airport limousine company on its license application. Within ten days of the notice of the violation, a request in writing may be made to the director of finance by the person holding a taxicab or airport limousine company license, as shown by the records of the finance department and on the application for a license, for an administrative hearing before a hearing officer designated by the city manager. Such hearing shall be held under the rules of administrative procedure, and the

hearing officer shall take evidence and issue a ruling on whether or not the taxicab or airport limousine company has violated any of the following conditions. If such is found, the hearing officer may revoke the license to operate a taxicab or airport limousine company. If no request in writing for a hearing is received within the ten-day period, the director of finance shall have power to revoke any such taxicab or airport limousine company license for the following reasons:

- (1) The violation of any provision of this article.
 - (2) When it has been proved to the director of finance by a preponderance of the evidence before him that the holder of such taxicab or airport limousine company license has discontinued operation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.
 - (3) That such licensee has knowingly continued to employ a driver who has violated provisions of this article or whose driving activity on behalf of the taxicab company is not covered by insurance as required under this article.
 - (4) Whenever it shall appear that a license issued under this article has been obtained by misrepresentation or fraud.
 - (5) That the licensee has knowingly continued to employ a driver who has refused service to an individual without proper cause or that such person encourages such practice to be the method of operation or has violated the provisions of this article.
 - (6) That the licensee failed to replace a canceled security or bond required by this article within 15 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays, from the director of finance's receipt of notice of cancellation.
 - (7) That the licensee has refused or permitted others under its license to refuse to provide a receipt upon request to any passenger that contains the amount charged for service, the number assigned to the taxicab or airport limousine driver by the chief of police, and the number of the taxicab or airport limousine.
 - (8) That the licensee has charged or permitted others under its license to charge fares in excess of those on file with the director of finance as provided in [section 118-127](#)
 - (9) That such licensee has permitted the use of the same number assigned to a vehicle by the licensee pursuant to [section 118-54](#) for more than one vehicle at the same time.
- (b) When a taxicab or airport limousine company license has been revoked, no vehicle shall continue to operate under the name, logo, insignia or color scheme of such taxicab or airport limousine company.
- (c) The taxicab or airport limousine company license of any person shall be forthwith revoked by the director of finance whenever he shall have received a certificate from any court or clerk thereof showing that such person has failed to satisfy, within 30 days, any final judgment upon which execution has been lawfully issued against such a person for damages on account of bodily injury, death or damage to property resulting from the ownership, maintenance, use or operation of a taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine; except that this provision shall not apply to any person who has presented an acceptable plan to settle such judgment.

Sec. 118-44. Ownership of vehicles.

No taxicab or airport limousine owner shall sell or lease, directly or indirectly, to a taxicab or airport limousine driver, a taxicab or airport limousine or sign for such taxicab or airport limousine so as to obligate the taxicab or airport limousine owner on behalf of the taxicab or airport limousine driver for the payment of the vehicle to third parties.

Sec. 118-45. Eligibility for license after revocation.

Whenever a taxicab or airport limousine company license issued under this article has been revoked by the director of finance for any of the reasons set forth in [section 118-43](#), excepting subsection (2) or (6), no license shall be issued to such person nor shall such person be allowed an interest in a license for a period of not less than two years.

Sec. 118-46. Vehicle insurance requirements.

- (a) Before any license or permit is issued for the operation of a taxicab or airport limousine, the taxicab or airport limousine company shall file with the director of finance a policy of insurance issued by an insurance company duly licensed to transact business in the state, covering separately or in a schedule attached to such policy each vehicle licensed to be operated under the direction and control of such company. Such policy shall cover legal liability for bodily injuries or death of one person to the extent of \$25,000.00 and subject to such limits as to injury or death of one person, of \$50,000.00 on account of any one accident resulting in injuries to or death of more than one person, and of \$10,000.00 for damage to property on account of any one accident.
- (b) All such policies shall provide that they may not be canceled unless written notice of proposed cancellation is delivered to the office of the director of finance at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed cancellation. If the taxicab or airport limousine company licensee or other responsible party shall fail within the period specified in such notice of cancellation to provide proof of insurance as provided in subsection (a) of this section, then the license or permit affected by such cancellation shall be revoked as of the day such insurance ceases to be in force and effect, and thereafter it shall be unlawful for such owner or other responsible party to operate taxicabs or airport limousines in the city. If the taxicab or airport limousine company or responsible third party shall file a policy of insurance as required by this section within 30 days after the date of such revocation, then such revocation shall be lifted.
- (c) All taxicab or airport limousine companies shall file with the director of finance a monthly list showing the year, make, model, VIN number, record of owner, and company providing insurance coverage for each and every taxicab or airport limousine in service under its license. No taxicab or airport limousine shall be placed in service or permitted to operate under the taxicab or airport limousine license unless it is shown on such list within 30 days of being placed in service.

Sec. 118-47. Proof of liquid assets or posting of security.

Before any taxicab or airport limousine company license is issued for the operation of a taxicab or airport limousine, the applicant shall file with the director of finance proof of \$5,000.00 in liquid assets. The holder of the taxicab or airport limousine company license shall maintain the liquidity of these assets and not allow the value of the assets to fall below \$5,000.00. In lieu of this, the applicant may post security in the same denomination either by posting a bond by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the state or by posting an escrow agreement. The bond or the escrow shall state that it is for the benefit of all creditors of the applicant which are unsecured or which are not protected by the insurance required in [section 118-46](#).

Sec. 118-48. Renewal of license.

The director of finance shall renew taxicab or airport limousine company licenses annually as required by [section 118-36](#) to any applicant who can show the following:

- (1) That all personal property taxes on vehicles operated as part of the business have been paid.
- (2) That the applicant has filed a balance sheet and income statement prepared by a certified public accountant, which statement shall cover the 12-month period ending December 31 of the preceding calendar year and shall show that the business has not less than \$5,000.00 in liquid assets.
- (3) The names and addresses of the owner, partners, limited partners, stockholders, officers and creditors of the corporation.
- (4) The percent of stock ownership of every stockholder.
- (5) Adequate proof that all taxicabs or airport limousines operated by or for the benefit of the taxicab or airport limousine company have been inspected and approved by the chief of police or his designee within 12 months prior to the date of submission of the application.
- (6) That the applicant has a current valid taxicab or airport limousine company license.
- (7) That the applicant has filed with the director of finance a dress code with which the applicant shall require its drivers to comply, which code shall include minimum requirements of dress and personal cleanliness which shall include a collared shirt, slacks or skirt, and a badge to be worn on the front of the shirt which shows at least the number assigned by the chief of police to the driver and the name of the taxicab or airport limousine company under whose license the driver is operating a taxicab or airport limousine.
- (8) That the applicant has tendered payment of all required fees.
- (9) That the applicant has provided proof of insurance as required by section 118-46

Sec. 118-49. Vehicle equipment and inspections.

- (a) *Required equipment.* Every vehicle governed by this article shall have and maintain the following equipment:
 - (1) All appliances required by this Code and other ordinances of the city and the laws of the state for motor vehicles.
 - (2) Two doors affording direct entrance and exit to and from both the front and rear seats; provided, however, minivans may have one side door, which may be on the nondriver's side, as a means of direct entrance and exit from rear seats.
 - (3) An adequate light in the passenger compartment, controlled by a switch control in the passenger compartment.
 - (4) A speedometer in good working order.
 - (5) Cards containing the following:
 - a. A card located in the passenger compartment, not less than four inches by six inches in size, which shall have plainly printed thereon the name of the taxicab or airport limousine company, its business address and telephone number, and the current schedule of fares on file with the director of finance as provided in division 3 of this article to be charged for the conveyance of passengers.
 - b. A separate card provided by the director of finance to be located in the passenger compartment, not less than four inches by six inches in size, which shall have plainly printed thereon the address and telephone number where the customer may register complaints and comments about the taxicab or airport limousine service, and a list of the rights of customers granted by this article.

- (6) The vehicle permit issued by the chief of police.
- (7) A permanent device for affixing the daily log sheet.
- (8) A side-view mirror attached to both the left and right sides of the vehicle.
- (9) A card located in the passenger compartment on which there shall be the statement that it is unlawful to refuse service to any member of the general public when presently unoccupied except for the reason that such person is intoxicated, is using profanity, is abusive, desires to use the service to commit unlawful acts, presents an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to the driver, or cannot pay. However, this provision shall not apply to courtesy cars.
- (10) A display of the number assigned to the taxicab or airport limousine by the taxicab or airport limousine owner or taxicab or airport limousine company under whose license the vehicle is operated which has each number no less than one inch in height and readily discernible by any person sitting in a seat intended for use by a passenger.
- (11) For taxicabs, a taximeter as follows: A taxicab shall be equipped with a taximeter of a size and design approved by the chief of police and which conforms to the following requirements:
 - a. Each taximeter must be driven direct from the taxicab transmission or connected with the speedometer driving shaft to the taximeter head itself.
 - b. Each taximeter must register upon visual counters the following miles:
 - 1. Total miles.
 - 2. Miles paid.
 - 3. Number of units.
 - 4. Number of trips.
 - 5. Number of extras.
 - c. Each taximeter must be furnished with a tamperproof switch and system of electrical distribution so that when the taximeter flag is in the vacant or nonearning position the "vacant" sign on top of the taxicab will be lighted, and when the meter flag is thrown to an earning position the fare indicator of the taximeter will be lighted.
 - d. There shall be an electrical light or sign located on the top of each taxicab, of a size and design approved by the chief of police and which is connected to the taximeter in the means prescribed in this article, so that such light or sign will be electrically lighted when the taxicab is vacant.
- (b) *Annual inspection.* Every vehicle governed by this article shall be inspected annually by the chief of police or his designee for all items of equipment required by the provisions of this section or other provisions of this article.
- (c) *Additional inspections; reinspections; issuance of inspection sticker.* Every vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident in which over \$500.00 damage was done to such vehicle shall be required to be reinspected. Also, the city shall have access to any maintenance records of any vehicle upon request and may order a reinspection at any time after the expiration of 30 days from the date of a previous inspection, provided there is reason to believe that the vehicle's operation does not comply with the provisions of this article or that the vehicle is dangerous or unsafe or is not being properly maintained or used. If the vehicle cannot be approved upon a reinspection, the director of finance shall first order such vehicle's operation to be discontinued for a period of 15 days in which the owner of the vehicle may request a second reinspection. If the owner of the vehicle does not request the second reinspection or if the vehicle cannot be approved upon the second reinspection, the director of finance shall

revoke the license corresponding to such vehicle. An inspection sticker shall be issued for each vehicle which passes the required inspection and shall be affixed on the vehicle by the city in a visible location.

- (d) *Inspection sticker required.* It shall be unlawful to operate a taxicab or airport limousine on the city streets without a current valid inspection sticker affixed thereto. The inspection sticker shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year from the date it is issued and shall not be transferred to any other vehicle.

Sec. 118-50. Cleanliness and condition of vehicles.

Every vehicle governed by this article shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be swept and dusted at least once a day. Every vehicle shall be kept in such condition of repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and for continuous and satisfactory operation.

Sec. 118-51. Refusal of service.

It shall be unlawful for a driver of a taxicab or airport limousine to refuse service to a member of the general public except when such person is intoxicated, uses profanity, is abusive, desires to use the service for an illegal purpose, presents an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to the driver, or is unable to pay the legal fare. However, a driver of a taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine shall not be required to provide service to an individual under the age of 12 without an adult passenger accompanying him or an individual who has as his destination point or departure point a mass transit terminal facility with which the operator does not have an operating agreement. A driver of a courtesy car shall not refuse service to any patron of the establishment with which the courtesy car is operated in conjunction unless such patron is intoxicated, uses profanity, is abusive, presents an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to the driver, is violating any city ordinance, or desires service for an illegal purpose.

Sec. 118-52. Daily log of trips.

Every licensee shall provide at the beginning of each driver's tour of duty a log sheet which is numbered in sequence. The driver shall maintain such log sheet by departure time, departure location, destination location, destination time and fare charged. The licensee shall collect such log sheets at the end of every driver's tour of duty and maintain such records for inspection by the chief of police and the director of finance for a period of one year.

Sec. 118-53. Records of vehicles.

Every licensee shall keep a record, in the manner prescribed by the director of finance, of all cars for which certificates are on file with the director of finance, showing the serial number, and, if operated, the hours of operation, the name of the driver and the hours of work of each driver, or, if the taxicab is not in operation, the reason therefor. Such records shall be maintained for a period of one year and shall be available to the chief of police and the director of finance upon request.

Sec. 118-54. Information to be displayed on vehicles.

Every vehicle governed by this article shall have a serial number which shall be painted on the sides and back thereof in figures of at least three inches in height. The name of the operating company shall be painted thereon in a conspicuous manner. The rates on file with the director of

finance as required by this article shall be painted on both sides of all taxicabs in letters and figures at least two inches in height. No legend except the name of the operating company, vehicle number, rates and telephone number may be used on the sides of any vehicle. The color scheme, name and characteristic insignia used to designate vehicles shall not be changed except upon approval of the director of finance.

Sec. 118-55. Removal of vehicle markings upon sale or disposition of vehicle.

No taxicab or airport limousine company or taxicab or airport limousine owner shall sell or otherwise dispose of any taxicab or airport limousine without first removing or obliterating the vehicle markings required by [section 118-54](#), unless such vehicle is to be used as a taxicab or airport limousine of the same company. Upon sale or other disposition, the taxicab or airport limousine company or owner shall notify the director of finance of such sale or disposition and the reason for the sale or disposition on the list required under [section 118-46](#).

Sec. 118-56. Office and telephone required.

No holder of a taxicab or airport limousine company license shall operate in the city without having an office and a telephone in a commercially zoned location for receiving and dispatching calls.

Sec. 118-57. Reports of violations by drivers.

A licensee under this article shall report to the police department of the city the violation by a driver of any of the operating company's rules and any violation of any municipal, state or federal law committed by a driver.

Sec. 118-58. Use or possession of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances by owner, driver or employees.

No taxicab or airport limousine owner, driver or employee, while on duty, shall have in his possession intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating beer or controlled substances or drink or consume such items while on duty. No driver shall knowingly purchase, carry or transport intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating beer or controlled substances. However, a passenger may have in his possession unopened containers of intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating beer. No driver, owner or employee of any owner of a taxicab or airport limousine company shall have in his possession at or near his office, place of business or garage any intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating beer or controlled substances of any kind.

Cross reference— Alcoholic beverages, ch. 10.

Sec. 118-59. Use of vehicle for unlawful purpose.

No person shall use a vehicle governed by this article for any unlawful purpose, nor shall any owner or driver knowingly permit such unlawful use. When such unlawful use has occurred with the knowledge of the owner or driver of such vehicle, and he shall be duly convicted thereof, the director of finance shall revoke the permit to operate such vehicle and the chief of police shall also revoke the permit of such driver.

Sec. 118-60. Refusal to pay fare.

No person shall hire or permit himself to be carried as a passenger for hire in any taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine in the city and refuse to pay the fare for such trip.

Sec. 118-61. Disposition of property found in vehicles.

A driver shall deliver all lost or misplaced property found in the vehicle to the holder of the taxicab or airport limousine company license for such vehicle at the end of the driver's tour of duty. The taxicab or airport limousine company shall keep such property for 24 hours, or a shorter time if the rightful owner of such property requests the release of such property. At the end of 24 hours, the taxicab or airport limousine company shall deliver such property, or the name and address of the owner of and description of such property, to the city police department.

Sec. 118-62. Manner of operation of taxicabs.

Taxicabs shall be operated in the following manner:

- (1) *Determination of fare.* A taxicab must use a taximeter in determining the fare to be charged. No other or different fare shall be charged to a passenger than is recorded on the reading face of such taximeter for a trip, except that any taxicab may charge a rate lower than that so recorded.
- (2) *Operation of taximeter.* A driver of a taxicab equipped with a taximeter, while carrying passengers or under employment, shall not display the taximeter flag affixed to such taximeter in such a position as to denote that such vehicle is not employed or in such a position as to denote that he is employed at a rate of fare different from that to which he is entitled under the provisions of this article. It shall be the duty of each such driver to call the attention of passengers to the amount registered, and the taxicab flag shall not be changed to the "vacant" position until after the fare is paid.
- (3) *Acceptance of additional passengers.* No driver of a taxicab having a passenger in his taxicab shall solicit or accept for carriage any other passenger without the consent of the original passenger. If two or more passengers are transported to different destinations, the taximeter shall be reset at the end of each trip, and if they are transported to the same destination only the original fare shall be charged.
- (4) *Taxicab routes.* No owner or driver of a taxicab shall cause or permit such taxicab to be operated along routes in a manner similar to that of mass transportation vehicles operating along definite routes or between specific termini, or along fixed routes. Any owner or driver who operates, causes to be operated, or permits to be operated any taxicab persistently and repeatedly to and from, around or in the vicinity of any theater, railroad station, hotel or any other place of public gathering, or repeatedly along a street when there is nearby a suitably located taxicab stand, shall be construed to be operating such taxicab along a route.

Sec. 118-63. Number of passengers in taxicabs and airport limousines.

There shall not be more passengers than that recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle, including the driver, carried in a taxicab or airport limousine at one time. The front seat of a taxicab or airport limousine shall only be occupied by the driver and one passenger.

Sec. 118-64. Manner of operation of airport limousines and courtesy cars.

- (a) *Courtesy cars.* Courtesy cars shall be operated in the following manner:

- (1) *Restrictions on patronage.* Drivers shall not offer service nor shall the owner permit the offering of service to any person other than a patron of a motel or hotel, or a patron of a business arranging sightseeing tours or other similar tours.
- (2) *Trip origins and destinations.* Trip origins and destinations shall be fixed locations, which locations shall have been registered with the director of finance prior to the carrying of passengers to such locations. Courtesy cars shall not be operated so that a trip destination or departure is to or from a mass transit terminal facility with which the operator does not have an operating agreement.
- (3) *Payment of charges.* The trip rate may either be charged to all patrons of the motel, hotel or other temporary residence business or a business arranging sightseeing tours or other similar tours when a person becomes a patron, or the trip rate may be charged to only those patrons who engage the courtesy car or to the owner of any business or facility which is the trip destination's approved fixed location.
- (4) *Maximum number of passengers.* The maximum number of passengers in a courtesy car at any given time shall be that number set by the chief of police when the vehicle is inspected under [section 118-49](#)
- (b) *Airport limousines.* Airport limousines shall be operated in the following manner:
 - (1) *Route.* Airport limousines shall operate over fixed routes only, and such limousines shall operate closed-door from the point where the passenger is picked up to the point where the passenger is delivered. Airport limousines shall not be operated so that a trip departure is from a mass transit terminal facility with which the operator does not have an operating agreement.
 - (2) *Rate of fare.* The trip rate shall be charged each passenger in accordance with the rate zone corresponding to the destination or commencement of the trip for each passenger.
 - (3) *Maximum number of passengers.* There shall not be more than 12 persons, inclusive of the driver, in an airport limousine at any given time.
 - (4) *Operating agreement with airport.* An airport limousine may not operate without a valid operating agreement with the body, board or authority legally in charge of the airport.
 - (5) *Compliance with airport regulations.* The owners, drivers and employees of an airport limousine service shall operate the airport limousines in a manner which will comply with all rules and regulations of the body, board or authority legally in charge of the airport, if such rules and regulations, and all amendments thereto, have been filed with the director of finance and chief of police prior to their effective date.

Sec. 118-65. Specialty passenger service.

A specialty passenger service shall comply with all provisions of [Chapter 118](#) applicable to taxicabs including driver's licensing requirements unless specifically excluded or modified by this section.

- (1) In addition to the information required in the application for a taxicab company license, an applicant operating a specialty passenger service shall submit a plan describing the vehicle(s) to be used and stating the types of events or activities at which the service will operate. If the service is to be operated in a special activity area, the plan shall set out in detail the area of and manner of operation of the service in the area. Any plan is to include the place of and length of stops and shall set forth the streets to be used and shall affirm that no structures, traffic control devices or utility wires shall be an obstruction to the operation of the service. The Director of Finance shall have

available a form setting out additional information needed in the plan. Further information may be requested before a final decision is reached.

- (2) The plan must be approved by the City Manager or his designee. A special activity area may be established if deemed appropriate to implement the plan. The impact to the City Utility bus service shall be considered and direct competition with established service routes is to be avoided unless the events or special activity area cannot be adequately served during a special event or during times of need for additional passenger service. If the plan is found to be in the best interest of the city and if all requirements are met to assure the public health and safety, the plan may be approved. If during the term of the license, public health or safety issues arise, the city may require a modification of the plan to address those issues. A request to amend the plan may be filed by the licensee during the license period and the review of the proposed amendment shall proceed as above outlined.
- (3) Paragraphs (a) (2), (7) and (11) of [Section 118-49](#) shall not apply to a specialty passenger service. Specialty passenger vehicles shall have at least two means of ingress and egress accessible by passengers.
- (4) [Section 118-52](#) shall not apply to specialty passenger service. A specialty passenger service must have an approved plan on file with the city authorizing all passenger transportation that is undertaken by the service. It is unlawful to transport passengers in violation of the approved plan, in the absence of a plan, in violation of any applicable provision of [Chapter 118](#) or other provisions of the city code, state statutes or federal rule, regulation or law.
- (5) The requirements of [Section 118-54](#) shall apply to a specialty passenger service; however, the proposed plan of operation may include a request to modify the requirements including a change of color scheme or legend so long as such change reasonably relates to the events or special activity area being served.
- (6) [Section 118-62](#) shall not apply to specialty passenger service. The operation of the specialty passenger service shall be in line with the approved plan and approved fee schedule.
- (7) [Section 118-63](#) shall not apply to specialty passenger service. The occupancy of a specialty passenger vehicle shall not exceed the manufacturers stated capacity. The capacity shall be prominently displayed.

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Sec. 118-81. Permit required; minimum age.

No person shall drive a taxicab or airport limousine unless duly granted a permit as provided in this division and having attained the age of 18 years.

Sec. 118-82. Application for permit.

- (a) Every applicant for a permit as a driver of a taxicab or airport limousine shall make application to the chief of police on forms to be supplied by the chief of police. Driver permits, or the reasons for not granting a permit, shall be supplied to an applicant within 15 days following the date the application is received by the chief of police. However, an interim permit may be issued if, in a review of the application, paperwork reveals no irregularities and the reviewing official has no reason to believe that the application will not be approved.
- (b) The applicant shall provide such information as the chief of police may require, including, but without limitation, the following:
 - (1) The applicant's name, age, residence, race, nationality, place of birth, citizenship, length of time resident in the city, marital status, height, weight, and color of eyes and hair. The applicant shall include the addresses of all residences for the five years preceding the application.
 - (2) Previous experience as a taxicab, airport limousine or other similarly classified vehicle driver by date, employer and locality; and, if there is previous experience, whether any license or permit was revoked or suspended and the date, locality and reason for such revocation or suspension.
 - (3) Previous history of arrests and/or convictions for any felony, misdemeanor or ordinance violation, including traffic violations, giving the particulars of each, and prior terminations of employment or contracts as a taxicab or airport limousine driver.
 - (4) The names and current telephone numbers and addresses of three persons who have known the applicant personally for at least 12 months preceding the date of the application.
 - (5) The fingerprints of the applicant.

- (6) At least three recent photographs of the applicant, which shall be of such size as may be required by the chief of police.
 - (7) Proof of legal age required to obtain any license required to operate a vehicle licensed pursuant to this article.
 - (8) Demonstration of ability to speak and understand the English language and to read and recognize street signage.
 - (9) Proof of a valid chauffeur's license issued to the applicant under the laws of the state, or a valid license which would authorize the applicant to operate a taxicab or airport limousine under the laws of the state, and submission to the chief of police of the certificate of registration furnished the applicant under RSMo 301.002 et seq. The number thereon shall be noted on the application for the permit.
 - (10) Submission of a certificate of physical examination by a physician licensed to practice in the state, which shall recite the following matters:
 - a. The applicant is free of defective vision or has corrected vision to at least 20-20 in both eyes.
 - b. The applicant is free of defective hearing, epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, and any other infirmity, physical or mental, which would render applicant unfit for safe operation of a public vehicle.
 - c. The applicant is free from communicable diseases.
 - (11) As a part of the physical examination, a certificate or other public record showing that the applicant has been tested and passed drug and alcohol screening at least equal to the screening requirements set by the United States Department of Transportation for motor carrier drivers with respect to the number and types of drugs or controlled substances tested, which certificate must have been issued no more than five days prior to the date of application.
 - (12) Whether the applicant has completed a course in first aid and life saving administered under the American Red Cross or a course similar in content to the American Red Cross administered first aid and life saving course. Such completion of a course shall not be a requirement for the issuance of a driver's permit, but such completion, when evidenced, shall be noted on the driver's permit.
- (c) As a part of the application, the applicant shall sign a release of information form which shall permit the director of finance or the chief of police to release information contained in the application to any law enforcement agency.

Sec. 118-83. Examination of applicant for permit.

After complying with the provisions of [section 118-82](#), every applicant shall be examined by the chief of police or his duly authorized subordinate as to the applicant's knowledge of the provisions of this article, knowledge of the city, and knowledge of local traffic regulations. An applicant shall not take the examination more than twice in any 14-day period. Should an applicant fail to pass the examination four times in a 28-day period, he shall not be permitted to take the examination for a period of three months. The applicant may also be required by the chief of police to demonstrate the skill and ability with which the applicant operates a motor vehicle.

Sec. 118-84. Issuance and display of permit.

Before issuing a permit to drive a taxicab or airport limousine, the chief of police shall investigate the facts set out in the application and shall not grant a permit to drive a taxicab or

airport limousine to any person who has been convicted of a violation of the criminal laws of any state or the United States defined as a felony and who has served any part of such sentence within five years of the date of such application, or who, in the opinion of the chief of police, is not physically fit or otherwise qualified to operate a taxicab, courtesy car or airport limousine in the city; except that the chief of police may issue a license to such person when the person has shown evidence of criminal rehabilitation in accordance with RSMo 314.200. Upon being satisfied that the applicant is qualified and upon proof of payment of the fees required by this article, the chief of police shall issue a driver's permit to the applicant, which shall be valid for a period of three years; provided, however, nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the issuance of a driver's permit to a person who is a resident of a halfway house or similar facility. The permit shall be prominently displayed in the taxicab or airport limousine at all times while the driver is operating the taxicab or airport limousine. The permit shall include a photograph of the driver and the number assigned to the driver by the chief of police.

Sec. 118-85. Notice of denial of permit.

If a driver's permit is not granted by the chief of police, the chief of police shall furnish the applicant the reasons for such refusal.

Sec. 118-86. Appeal of denial of permit.

Whenever the chief of police shall have refused to authorize the issuance of a driver's permit, the applicant, within ten days after the date of the notice of such refusal, may file a request in writing to the chief of police for an appeal before a hearing examiner designated by the city manager. The hearing examiner shall conduct a hearing at which he may either consider such appeal on the evidence produced before the chief of police or permit the introduction of new evidence and new tests. In the event of an adverse decision, the applicant shall have a right of appeal from the date of the city hearing examiner's decision to circuit court pursuant to RSMo 536.010 et seq.

Sec. 118-87. Reapplication for permit after denial.

When an applicant has been denied a driver's permit for reasons other than failing the examination pursuant to [section 118-83](#), no new application shall be considered for a period of one year.

Sec. 118-88. Identification card.

At the time of issuance of a driver's permit, the chief of police shall also issue an identification card, upon which shall be affixed one of the photographs and the number assigned to the driver and filed with the chief of police. The identification card shall be carried at all times by the driver when the permittee is driving a taxicab or airport limousine, and it shall be displayed on demand to any police officer.

Sec. 118-89. Renewal of permit.

- (a) Drivers' permits issued pursuant to this division may be renewed every three years by the chief of police if the permittee makes application as provided for in [section 118-82](#). The permittee shall submit with the application for renewal a certificate of physical examination as in the case of an original application, which certificate, in order to be accepted, must have

been issued within 30 days of the date of application. The permittee shall also submit a certificate or other public record of passing drug and alcohol screening as provided in [section 118-82\(11\)](#), which certificate, in order to be accepted, must have been issued within five days prior to the date of application. The chief of police may require submission of other facts as he deems necessary.

- (b) If a permittee does not make application for renewal of the driver's permit to the chief of police prior to expiration of a current permit, the permittee shall be required to pay a delinquent application fee. If the permittee fails to renew the driver's permit within 30 days succeeding the expiration of a prior permit, the permittee shall be required to make an original application.

Sec. 118-90. Smoking while carrying passengers.

Drivers of taxicabs or airport limousines are prohibited from smoking while carrying passengers who object to their smoking.

Sec. 118-91. Notification of change of address.

Every holder of a driver's permit shall have his residence address on file with the chief of police, and in case of change shall notify the chief of police and any taxicab or airport limousine companies for whom the driver is operating a taxicab or airport limousine in writing within five days. Failure to notify the chief of police of a change in address may result in revocation of the permit.

Sec. 118-92. Drivers to remain in or near vehicle; dress and appearance of driver; wearing of badge.

The driver of any taxicab or airport limousine shall remain in or beside the vehicle at all times when such vehicle is standing upon the public streets, except that the driver may aid a passenger already engaged by the driver with luggage or from a building into the vehicle or out of the vehicle to a building or when conducting business in conjunction with his employment. The driver shall also maintain a neat and clean general appearance and shall be dressed at all times while on duty in a collared shirt, slacks or skirt, and wear a badge on the front of the shirt which lists at least the number assigned to the driver by the chief of police and the taxicab or airport limousine company under whose license he is operating the taxicab or airport limousine. At the discretion of the driver, the badge may list the first and/or last name of the driver.

Sec. 118-93. Procedure for revocation of permit.

Whenever a driver's permit is subject to revocation, a driver's permit may only be revoked by the chief of police after ten days' written notice by registered mail to the permittee and only after a hearing if the permittee makes a request of the chief of police in writing within the ten-day period for a hearing before the hearing examiner of the city.

Sec. 118-94. Altering or defacing permit, identification card, rate card or log sheet.

No permittee shall deface any permit, identification card, rate card or daily log sheet, or remove, tamper with or alter a rate card displayed in a taxicab or airport limousine. In case of any violation of this provision, the chief of police shall revoke the driver's permit. Such revocation shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed.

Sec. 118-95. Revocation of permit for conviction of certain offenses, driving with excessive blood alcohol level, or failure to pass drug test.

Conviction of driving while intoxicated or driving when blood contains alcohol of 0.08 percent or more by weight in a personal vehicle, or leaving the scene of any accident, or operating a taxicab or airport limousine when blood contains 0.05 percent or more by weight of alcohol, or failure to pass or submit to a drug test requested by the director of finance or by the chief of police upon probable cause, shall operate as a revocation of any driver's permit issued under this division, and such driver shall not be eligible to receive a new permit for a period of one year from the date of such conviction, except in accordance with RSMo 314.200.

(G.O. No. 5391, § 3, 7-6-2004)

Sec. 118-96. Violation marks.

- (a) For the purpose of regulating permittees under this division, the chief of police is authorized to establish a system of violation marks for the violation of traffic ordinances and ordinances pertaining to taxicabs, airport limousines and other public vehicles, in accordance with the following classified schedule:
- (1) *Class I.* Four violation marks shall be entered for each conviction of an offense under any of the following sections:

106-19	One-way streets and alleys.
106-79	Obedience to police and fire department officials.
106-128	Immediate notice to police department.
106-129	Written reports required.
106-130	Reports when driver unable to report.
106-153	Obedience required.
106-157	Flashing signals.
106-181	Vehicles to keep to righthand side of street.
106-190	Passing other vehicles traveling in same direction.
106-191	Stopping for school bus.
106-203	Careless and imprudent driving.
106-231	Speed greater than reasonable and prudent.
106-232	Speed limit within central business districts and university district.
106-234	Speed limit outside central business district.
106-235	Speed limit on approach to certain intersections.
	Speed limit in school zones.

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106-	Vehicles required to stop or yield right-of-way prior to entering through streets.
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106-	Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.
300	
118-	Vehicle inspection and equipment.
49	
118-	Refusal of service.
51	
118-	Daily log of trips.
52	
118-	Information to be displayed on vehicles.
54	
118-	Use or possession of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances by owner, driver or employees.
58	
118-	Use of vehicle for unlawful purpose.
59	
118-	Manner of operation.
62	
118-	Identification card.
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- (2) *Class II.* One violation mark shall be entered for each conviction under any traffic ordinance or ordinance governing taxicabs, airport limousines or other public vehicles not included in Class I.
- (3) *Class III.* In addition to violation marks entered on convictions as provided in Classes I and II, the chief of police may, after hearing, enter marks for minor violations of rules and regulations, not exceeding one mark in any single case.
- (b) When a permittee receives 12 violation marks in accordance with the schedule provided in this section during any 12-month period, it shall be mandatory upon the chief of police to suspend the permit of the driver for a period of 30 days. Upon completion of the suspension period, a permittee shall have his total of violation marks reduced by one-half.
- (c) Whenever a permittee has accumulated sufficient violation marks to require a second suspension within an 18-month period, the chief of police shall not suspend but shall revoke the driver's permit, and such driver shall not be eligible to receive a new permit for a period of one year from the date of such revocation.

Sec. 118-97. Revocation of permit for driving while permit is suspended.

Whenever a permittee is convicted of driving a vehicle for which a driver's permit is required during a period for which the permit has been suspended, the chief of police shall revoke the permit of such driver, and such driver shall not be eligible to receive a new permit for a period of one year from the date of such revocation.

Sec. 118-98. Revocation of permit for other causes.

- (a) The chief of police shall revoke the permit of any driver whenever the chief finds any of the following causes to exist:
 - (1)

- The permittee has obtained a permit by false statements in the application for such permit or upon misrepresentation.
- (2) The permittee has become physically or mentally incapable of driving a vehicle.
 - (3) The permittee has been convicted of a felony.
 - (4) The permittee has been convicted of a misdemeanor or ordinance violation involving moral turpitude.
- (b) In addition to the powers to revoke under subsection (a) of this section, the chief of police shall have continuing jurisdiction as to permits granted under this division. In the event of misconduct or acts on the part of a permittee which would be sufficient to justify the refusal of a permit in the case of an original application, the chief of police may revoke a license already granted.

Sec. 118-99. Notice of hearing involving permit or suspension or revocation of permit.

The chief of police shall notify the driver of any hearing involving the driver's permit, of any suspension, or of any revocation of a driver's permit by registered mail directed to the last residence address of the driver on file with the chief of police. Notice of suspension or revocation shall require the driver to surrender the driver's permit and identification card.

Sec. 118-100. Eligibility for permit after three revocations.

Whenever a permittee has had the driver's permit revoked three times, the permittee shall not be entitled thereafter to make application for a new permit except with the approval of the city manager.

Sec. 118-101. Authority to establish additional regulations.

The chief of police and director of finance are hereby authorized and empowered to establish and adopt such procedures required to carry out the intent of this article.

Sec. 118-102. Replacement of lost or stolen permits.

A charge of \$10.00 shall be paid to the director of finance by the holder of a driver's permit for the replacement of the permit when misplaced, lost or stolen.

Secs. 118-103—118-120. Reserved.

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Sec. 118-121. Payment of fees and charges by licensees and permittees.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a taxicab, airport limousine or courtesy car service prior to the payment of all fees and charges required by this article and by the various provisions of this Code. Failure to pay any annual fees, charges or taxes established by this article or the various provisions of this Code is grounds for revocation of any permit or license issued to such person, and revocation shall not be deemed the exclusive remedy available to the city.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person to drive a taxicab, airport limousine or courtesy car prior to the payment of all fees and charges required by this article and by the various provisions of this Code, and this is grounds for revocation of any permit or license issued to such person, and revocation shall not be deemed the exclusive remedy available to the city.

Sec. 118-122. Application fee for taxicab or airport limousine company license.

There is hereby established an application fee for a taxicab or airport limousine company license. Such fee shall be such amount as established by ordinance from time to time. Such fee shall be paid prior to the acceptance of the application for a license by the director of finance. Failure to pay such fee shall be grounds for refusing to accept and process an application for a license. The proceeds shall be used to defray the cost of processing the application for a taxicab or airport limousine company license. The application fee shall not in any part be refunded to the applicant.

Sec. 118-123. Application fee for driver's permit.

There is hereby established an application fee of such amount as established by ordinance from time to time for a driver's permit or renewal thereof. Such fee shall be paid to the director of finance, who shall then issue a receipt to the applicant. The chief of police shall not accept an application for a driver's permit without such a receipt. The application fee shall defray the cost of processing the application, the cost of any hearing, the cost of testing, and other administrative costs and shall include the initial annual driver's permit fee. If this application is withdrawn or if the permit is not issued to the applicant, the director of finance shall refund to the applicant an amount equal to one-half the cost of the driver's permit.

Sec. 118-124. License fee for taxicab or airport limousine company.

The taxicab or airport limousine company's license fee is hereby established as that fee which is set out in subsection [70-84](#)(132).

Sec. 118-125. Delinquent application fee for driver's permit.

There is hereby established a delinquent application fee for making application for a renewal of a driver's permit. Such fee shall be such amount as established by ordinance from time to time and shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of sections 118-48 and 118-89.

Sec. 118-126. Vehicle inspection fee.

There is hereby established a vehicle inspection fee, which shall be assessed against the operator each time the vehicle is inspected or reinspected pursuant to this article. No approval of a vehicle shall be given until such inspection fee is paid to the director of finance or his authorized agent. Such fee shall be such amount as established by ordinance from time to time.

Editor's note—

G.O. No. 6089, § 1, Exhibits B and C, adopted December 16, 2013, contains a schedule of fees and charges for various departments of the city. A complete copy of said schedule is adopted by reference and available at the office of the city clerk for inspection by the public.

Sec. 118-127. Taxicab rates.

- (a) The maximum rates charged to passengers of any taxicab company shall be on file with the director of finance. The rates shall be posted in each taxicab vehicle and visible to all passengers. Taxicab companies may only change the maximum rates to be charged to passengers by filing a notice with the director of finance 30 days in advance of any rate change. Failure to notify the director of finance of a change in rates 30 days in advance, or charging a passenger more than the rates on file, may result in a one-year suspension of the taxicab company license or the permit of the driver involved, or both. Notwithstanding the foregoing language, taxicab companies may change their rates only once every 180 days.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any taxicab company may charge a rate lower than those rates on file for the company with the director of finance.

Sec. 118-128. Airport limousine rates.

- (a) The maximum rates charged to passengers of any airport limousine company shall be on file with the director of finance. The rates shall be posted in each airport limousine and visible to all passengers. Airport limousines may only change the maximum rates to be charged to passengers by filing a notice with the director of finance 30 days in advance of any rate change. Failure to notify the director of finance of a change in rates 30 days in advance, or charging a passenger more than the rates on file, may result in a one-year suspension of the airport limousine company license or the permit of the driver involved, or both. Notwithstanding the foregoing language, airport limousine companies may change their rates only once every 180 days.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any airport limousine company may charge a rate lower than those rates on file for the company with the director of finance.

Secs. 118-129—118-150. Reserved.